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Applicant:	WALSH ET AL.	Examiner:	R. GHAFOORIAN
Serial No.:	09/591,754	Group Art Unit:	3763
Filed:	JUNE 12, 2000	Docket No.:	11998.20US01
Title:	CARDIAC DISEASE TREATMENT AND DEVICE		
Customer Number:	34379	Confirmation Number:	4758

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits but before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

In the Office Action dated November 18, 2002, the Examiner crossed out JP 60-203250 A2 on the Form 1449, ostensibly indicating that the reference was not considered because it failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3).

Applicant is submitting an English translation of JP 60 203250 A2 cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant on July 2, 2001.

As this reference was previously cited, and the purpose of this statement is to supply the English translation thereof, Applicant believes that no fee is due at this time. Should the

Examiner deem that a fee is due, Applicant requests that the Examiner charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of the document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that the reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the references are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicant does not represent that the references have been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of the references is intended.

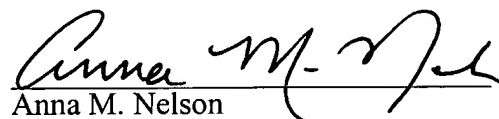
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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